

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 4, 2014, 5:45 PM  
Murray Room, Howe Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Eric Brooks, Jonathan Edwards, Paul Gross, Terry Harwood, Annette Kennedy, Louise Moon, Carin Reynolds, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Rowan Carroll, Kevin Cotter, Erika Dade, Dan Haedrich, Sean Healey

**1. Review of July 14, 2014 Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded and approved unanimously.

2. A question was raised about whether the Dartmouth representative invited to our board meetings is a voting member of UVRF. Since this is not an elected position, the Dartmouth representative is not a voting member.

**3. Google Group**

Eric looked into whether all members can be invited at once without having to use the Google tool, which is limited to 10 invitations at a time. He has not found a way to invite people en masse – only 10 at a time. It will be time consuming to send out this way. There are about 290 active members so 29 groups would have to be created/invited. Janet has that list and Eric will set up the groups, and send a sample message to the board before sending out. There should also be a way for people to unsubscribe.

**4. Revels North**

Lizann Peyton contacted Carin and Erika about the possibility of UVRF donating something to a Revels North auction in early September at a gala celebrating Revels' 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She thought that something like a free sculling lesson for two people would introduce people to rowing, would be great for the auction, would contribute to the community at large, and would give UVRF good publicity.

The board agreed that UVRF could donate a summer learn to scull session for two people. Erika volunteered to coach the session(s).

A motion was made for UVRF to support this contribution of a Learn to Scull program for two people, to include two weeks use of club boats (\$150 value x 2) with Erika volunteering to coach. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Carin will send Lizann the board's positive vote.

## **5. Sweep Program**

Competitive sweep rowers raced last weekend and took Monday off to clean boats.

The signup for the fall Junior Program, to start on September 2, went up early – 14 have signed up already. It was decided to drop the price of membership for the juniors in mid-August since they have a lot less time on the water late in the season.

A Learn to Row program for Kendal has not worked out with Becky's schedule yet. Carin offered our help in taking up the Kendal dock.

## **6. Sculling Update**

There are a couple more Learn to Scull sessions going on.

Junior membership is available for those under the age of 27. There are a large number of junior memberships – approximately 54 – most of whom are from Hanover, with some Dartmouth students and others.

Racks are rented out at Fullington. Fullington rowers must be UVRF members and must sign waivers.

Cold water scullers should have done a flip experience to know what their strategy is for self rescue. Dan has done an August evening flip session in the past and will do this again in about 2 weeks. There was discussion about whether this should be formalized and whether private owners should be notified in early spring and fall. The board decided to put instructions on our website about how to get back into a boat. Carin will send a link.

## **7. Budget**

At this point we are in pretty good shape. The club received more money from Prouty than expected and some summer programs did better than expected. Fall sweep numbers are unknown at this point. The men's program looks strong. There is a question of how many of the women will sign up for competitive rowing. Erika may try to rework the program schedule to accommodate their schedules.

The club needs to purchase another launch and motor. It is assumed that the motor that fell into the river is gone. Paul hasn't heard from the diver he tried to contact. We should look for a used launch and also need to get a steel cable. Motors are more expensive. Dan Haedrich and Terry Harwood will pursue this.

## **8. BBQ/Annual UVRF Picnic**

The BBQ/Annual UVRF picnic in July was awesome!! There was a great turnout – many more than we get for the annual meeting.

It was a nice opportunity to show our more recent boat purchases and name the boats. For next year we should talk about the fact that we are an all-volunteer organization. Dan did say that pricing of programs does not include any of the equipment – boat/equipment purchases are all from donations.

A question was raised about the silent auction we had a few years ago and whether we should have one again. It was discontinued because it required a lot of work and there were not enough people to help. There are no plans to have another auction at this point.

We should target the Nov/Dec/Jan time frame to raise money for boats. We need more Peinerts for club sculling. There was a lot of use of Peinerts this year – all were checked out all the time for both programs and club sculling. We should get another 25 and another 26 (heavier people can row the 26). Rack space is not a problem. Jonathan will look into used Peinerts for sale at Craftsbury and will see what new ones cost.

**9. Please note that our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3.**

**10. Other**

- a. The Dartmouth term starts on September 14 so we need to put the small boats away. A work day will be scheduled on Sunday, September 14, time to be determined.
- b. Dan has put a notice on the bulletin board asking people to sweep the boathouse.
- c. Fall signups – an email notification needs to be sent out regarding fall signups.
- d. We have had a lot of coxwains in the summer but most are leaving for school so we need to find more for the fall.

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm, seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Moon, Secretary